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Background

The purpose of the Presidential Electors, which constitutes the College of Electors for Washington State, is to convene in Olympia after each general presidential election to cast their votes for their respective presidential candidates. Legislative Budget Notes for the 1995-1997 biennium, Section 118, Note 12 states, "Activities performed by the United States Presidential Electors are transferred to the Secretary of State. The agency will be abolished." Accordingly, the activities performed by the Presidential Electors were transferred to the Office of the Secretary of State, and the agency was abolished. This is the final audit of the Presidential Electors.

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Overview

We performed the statewide single audit of the state of Washington for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1996. In accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984, we audited the state as an entity, rather than each agency separately. The results of this audit will be published in a statewide single audit report which includes the following:

- An opinion on the financial statements.
- A report on internal control structure-related matters based solely on an assessment of control risk made as part of the audit of the financial statements.
- A report on compliance with laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements.
- An opinion on supplementary Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance.
- A report on internal controls over federal financial assistance.
- An opinion on compliance with specific requirements applicable to major federal financial assistance programs.
- A report on compliance with general requirements applicable to federal financial assistance programs.
- A report on compliance with laws and regulations applicable to nonmajor federal financial assistance program transactions tested.
- A Schedule of Findings and Schedule of Questioned Costs.

The work performed at the Presidential Electors included procedures to satisfy the requirements of the 1996 statewide single audit and supplemental reviews and tests deemed necessary in the circumstances.

In addition, we performed the audit of the Presidential Electors for the fiscal years ended June 30, 1990 through 1996, as part of the statewide single audit of the state as an entity. The results of those audits have been published in statewide single audit reports dated as follows:

- May 15, 1996, for the year ended June 30, 1995
- May 15, 1995, for the year ended June 30, 1994
- May 23, 1994, for the year ended June 30, 1993

- May 10, 1993, for the year ended June 30, 1992
- April 30, 1992, for the year ended June 30, 1991
- April 23, 1991, for the year ended June 30, 1990

Our audit for fiscal years 1990 through 1996 included procedures to express opinions on the state's financial statements and tests deemed necessary in the circumstances.

There were no findings or questioned costs for the Presidential Electors.

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